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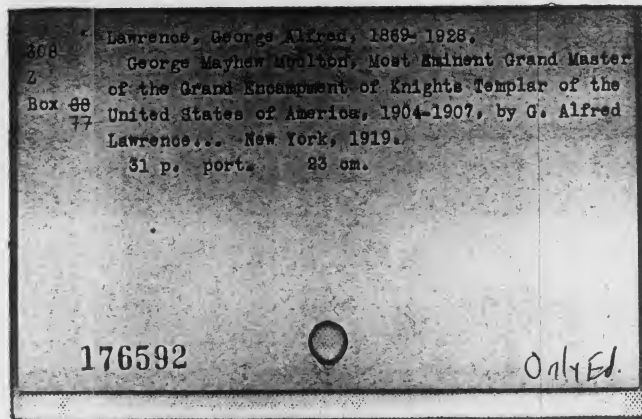
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This Brochure is affectionately and courteously dedicated to the approximately three hundred thousand Sir Knights now comprising the mighty Templar Host of the United States of America whose deeds of charity and pure beneficence have extended to the uttermost parts of the Earth and over whom Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton presided as their Most Eminent Grand Master so efficiently and well during the Triennial Period of 1904 to 1907.

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to Chicago, Illinois, and has since been prominently identified in many of its civic, military and Masonic activities and interests, covering a period now of more than half a century.

Entering the public schools of the city, he graduated from Central High School in 1868 at the age of 17 years and has ever since been an active and prominent member of the Chicago High School Alumni Association. He then entered his father's firm which specialized in the erection of grain elevators. During the period in which he was mastering every detail of this business, he also became proficient in the carpenter's trade. Two years latter he became Secretary to the Vice-President and General Manager of the Union Improvement and Elevator Company of Duluth, Minnesota to which city in January 1870, he went with his father and aided in the construction of the first grain elevator built in that part of the country. Upon the completion of this elevator he engaged with the owners to operate it for a year but prior to the expiration of this period he was transferred to Stillwater in order to superintend the erection of an elevator at that point. From this time up to January, 1905, he was actively engaged in the designing and constructing of grain elevators in all parts of the country, at first under the firm name of J. T. Moulton & Son and after the death of his father, as Geo. M. Moulton & Co.

During the period from 1895 to 1905 the business also included the building of large structures and several of the skyscrapers of Chicago, notably the Fisher Building and the New York Life Building are monuments to the skill and ability of his firm. The Columbus Union Depot at Columbus, Ohio; the Prudential Building at Buffalo, New York and the Onondaga Savings Bank Building at Syracuse, New York were also erected by his firm.

In addition to the above business activities, from 1880 to the present time, he has been the dominating spirit with controlling interests in several other commercial enterprises, notably the Pioneer Fire Proof Construction Co., manufacturers and contractors for all kinds of clay products, especially fire proof tiling for structural purposes; the Produce Cold Storage Exchange; the Commerce Vault Company; and the River Bank Coal Company. He has been president of all of these companies.

Early in 1905 he retired from the building business and since then has devoted his entire business activities to the Western Life Indemnity Co. This company was originally organized in 1884 as the Knights Templars and Mason's Life Indemnity Company with Dr. J. Adams Allen as president and Brother Moulton as vice-president. In 1890 Dr. Allen died and Brother Moulton was elected president and has held that office continuously up to the present time. The name of the company was changed to Western Life Indemnity Company in May 1905.

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Burlington, Iowa, on March 12th, 1873. Mrs. Moulton was born in Augusta, Maine, and her ancestors, like those of her husband, were all of New England extraction, of which the Ware family were the most prominent. Two children were born of this union—a daughter, Edith May Moulton, who was married to Richard S. Folsom in Chicago on May 30th, 1905 and a son, Arthur Garland Moulton who married Hattie Shuh in Cairo, Illinois on May 29th, 1905. Mrs. Moulton died June 10th, 1916.

Springing from such a patriotic ancestry and having associated himself with various patriotic orders it was but natural that Brother Moulton should identify himself with military affairs.

On July 4th, 1885 he was commissioned Major in the Second Regiment, Illinois National Guard by Governor Richard J. Oglesby. The following year he served in the two weeks campaign at the Union Stock Yards during the noted labor riots of 1886 and was with his regiment throughout all its encampments and whenever called upon for duty.

On August 14th, 1893, he was commissioned Lieutenant-Colonel First Brigade, Illinois National Guard as Inspector of Rifle Practice by Governor J. P. Altgeld.

On February 19, 1894, after being unanimously elected, he was commissioned Colonel of the Second Infantry, Illinois National Guard by Acting Governor Joseph P. Gill. This was then the largest regiment in the state. With his regiment he participated in the suppression of the railroad riots in the vicinity of Chicago, known as the "Debs War", which occurred during July and August, 1894. Upon the call for volunteers at the opening of the Spanish-American War in April 1898, Colonel Moulton with his regiment responded, receiving his commission as Colonel of the Second Illinois Volunteer Infantry on May 16th, 1898 from Governor John R. Tanner.

During active service his regiment was encamped at Camp Cuba Libre, Jacksonville, Florida, and at Camp Onward, Savannah, Georgia, being attached to General Fitzhugh Lee's Seventh Army Corps.

In December 1898, Colonel Moulton was detached from his regiment and detailed as Chief of Police to organize the Police Department of Havana, Cuba under United States Government supervision, thus becoming the first Chief of Police on the island of Cuba under the American flag. He was relieved of this duty in March 1899. Colonel Moulton remained in the United States service until April 26th, 1899 when he was mustered out at Camp McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia. Upon returning to Chicago from war service, he was commissioned as Colonel and Aide-de-Camp on the Governor's staff, May 6th, 1899 by Governor John R. Tanner and subsequently on December 16th, 1899 was commissioned as Inspector-General, also by Governor Tanner. This commission was confirmed by Governor Richard Yates by re-appointment on May 14th,



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1901. On April 8th, 1902, Governor Yates commissioned him as Brigadier-General, Illinois National Guard and he was assigned to command the First Brigade. On July 4th, 1907, nineteen years to the day after entering the National Guard, Governor Deneen commissioned him as Major-General and as such he retained command of the entire Illinois National Guard up to the time of his retirement from active service in November 1907.

General Moulton took an active part in the formation, in 1899, of the organization known as the Service Men of the Spanish War and served as Commander-in-Chief of the same. This Society merged in 1905 with the Spanish War Veterans and the Spanish-American War Veterans—the three societies finally being designated as the United Spanish War Veterans. General Moulton was Senior Vice-Commander of this amalgamated Society of the United Spanish War Veterans in 1905 and subsequently became Commander-in-Chief. He was a member of Columbia Camp, No. 2, United Spanish War Veterans of Chicago, but subsequently transferred his membership to Chicago Camp, No. 54.

General Moulton has also served as President of the Society of the Seventh Army Corps of the United States Army in the War with Spain and as Vice-President of the National Guard Association of the United States of America and in 1899 as honorary president of the Second Illinois Camp Fire Association. He is a member of the Naval and Military Order of the Spanish-American War, the Veteran Corps, First Infantry, Illinois National Guard, the Illinois State Rifle Association, the National Guard and Naval Reserve Association of Illinois and Alpha Council No. 1, Royal League.

In addition to the above patriotic and military organizations General Moulton is a member of the New England Society of Chicago and of the Union League Club of Chicago, becoming a member of the latter in 1885. He is also a charter member of the Chicago Athletic Club.

With such a record as an active and successful business man, together with so many years of efficient and responsible service in the military life of his State and Nation, we might think Brother Moulton would have had but little time and less opportunity to take any active part in Masonry. On the contrary his services and labors in the quarries of our beloved Order have been simply prodigious and he has ascended round after round of the ladder of fame in practically every branch of Masonry, rendering distinguished service in all and receiving only the well merited distinction that falls to those who labor so faithfully and efficiently.

Brother Moulton was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in Covenant Lodge, No. 526, A. F. and A. M. on February 26th, 1875. He served his lodge as Senior Deacon in 1877, Junior Warden in 1878 and 1890, Senior Warden in 1891 and as Worshipful Master in 1892.

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Recognizing his ability the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the State of Illinois appointed him Senior Grand Deacon in 1893 and 1894. He was elected Junior Grand Warden for the years 1895 and 1896, Senior Grand Warden for the years 1897 and 1898, Deputy Grand Master for 1899 and 1900 and at the session of the Grand Lodge held in October, 1901 he was unanimously elected Most Worshipful Grand Master and re-elected the following year for another term, thus serving his Grand Lodge faithfully and well as presiding officer for two full terms.

In 1885 Brother Moulton became one of the incorporators of the Illinois Orphans' Home and was elected President of that organization, filling that office until 1890, when, owing to multitudinous other duties, he voluntarily retired but consented to remain as a member of the Board of Trustees.

During his presidency the Association acquired a property valued at \$100,000 and free from debt.

The Home is in active operation, affording care and shelter for nearly 100 dependent orphans and is now owned by the Grand Lodge of Illinois, which in 1902 assumed control of the several Masonic Homes established and contemplated, creating a Board of Trustees for their management. Brother Moulton was chosen first president of this Board and under his wise and capable administration, the cornerstone was laid for another Home for Aged Masons and Mason's Widows and Orphans, at Sullivan, Illinois. On April 30th, 1910, the cornerstone was laid for a permanent Masonic Orphans' Home at La Grange, Illinois, representing an investment of \$125,000.

Brother Moulton is an honorary member of Waukegan Lodge No. 78, A. F. and A. M. of Waukegan, Illinois, Western Star Lodge No. 240, A. F. and A. M. of Champaign, Illinois, Paris Lodge No. 266, A. F. and A. M. of Paris, Illinois, Blair Lodge No. 393, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, Pleiades Lodge No. 478, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, Monitor Lodge No. 522, A. F. and A. M. of Elgin, Illinois, Garfield Lodge, No. 686, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, Austin Lodge No. 850, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, St. Andrew's Lodge No. 863, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, Olympic Lodge No. 864, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, St. Cecilia Lodge No. 865, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois, Maywood Lodge No. 869, A. F. and A. M. of Maywood, Illinois and Garden City Lodge No. 141, A. F. and A. M. of Chicago, Illinois. Brother Moulton is the accredited representative of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Kansas near the Grand Lodge of Illinois. Brother Moulton has been a veteran member of the Masonic Veterans Association of Illinois since 1896 and a Patriarch Member since 1917. After serving as Associate Chief for several terms, he presided as Venerable Chief from October 1910 to October 1912. He also holds membership in Queen Esther

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Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star. Brother Moulton is also a member of the parent organization, national in its scope, known as the Sojourners' Club, which organization is composed exclusively of Masons who are now or who have been officers in the military or naval service of the United States and of which there are numerous subsidiary clubs throughout the country. He is a member of the Board of Governors of the National Body of this organization.

In Capitular Masonry Brother Moulton has had an equally enviable and useful record. He was exalted a Royal Arch Mason in Corinthian Chapter No. 69, R. A. M. on May 13th, 1875. In his chapter he was elected and held office as King in 1884 and 1885 and as Excellent High Priest in 1886, receiving the Order of High Priesthood in October 1886. The following year he entered the line of officers in the Grand Chapter of Illinois, serving as Grand Master of the First Vail in 1887, Grand Master of the Second Vail in 1888, Grand Royal Arch Captain in 1889, Grand Principal Sojourner in 1890, Grand Captain of the Host in 1891, Grand Scribe in 1892, Grand King in 1893, Deputy Grand High Priest in 1894 and finally after eight years of continuous and faithful service, he was elected Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Illinois in 1895 and served for one year in this exalted station. Brother Moulton has served as President of the Order of High Priesthood in Illinois continuously since 1911 to the present time and is an honorary member of York Chapter No. 148, R. A. M. of Chicago, Illinois. He is the accredited representative of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Delaware near the Grand Chapter of Illinois. He has also served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Illinois and for the past three years as Chairman of the Jurisprudence Committee.

In Cryptic Masonry Brother Moulton has also attained to the highest office within the gift of its membership in his own Council and in the Grand Council of his state. He was created a Royal and Select Master in Siloam Council No. 53, Royal and Select Masters on August 7th, 1875 and afterwards affiliated in 1884 with Chicago Council No. 4, R. and S. M. He served this latter council as Thrice Illustrious Master in 1884 and again in 1893. In the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters for the State of Illinois, he served as Grand Conductor, 1886-1887; Deputy Grand Master, 1887-1888; and as Most Illustrious Grand Master from October 1888 until October 1889. He has also served for many years as Chairman of the Finance Committee of this Grand Body and as the accredited representative of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Oregon near the Grand Council of Illinois.

In Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite Masonry, Brother Moulton has worked long and faithfully. He was created a Sovereign Prince of the Royal Secret, 32°, in Oriental Consistory, Valley of Chicago,

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Illinois on June 4th, 1880. He served as Sovereign Prince Grand Master of Chicago Council Princes of Jerusalem, 16° A. A. S. R. in 1884 and 1885. He was elected Second Lieutenant Commander of Oriental Consistory, S.-P.-R.-S.-32° in 1885 and served three years. In 1887 he was elected First Lieutenant Commander of the same, serving in this station until December 1889 when by death of the then Illustrious Commander-in-Chief he became by statutory provision Illustrious Commander-in-Chief and served in this latter capacity during the years 1890 and 1891. In the Grand Council of Deliberation, A. A. S. R. for the State of Illinois, Brother Moulton served as Grand Standard Bearer, 1886-1889; as Grand Minister of State and Grand Orator, 1890-1893; as Grand Second Lieut. Commander, 1893-1896; and subsequently a full term of three years as Grand First Lieutenant Commander. On September 20th, 1887 at Providence, Rhode Island, the Thirty-third degree was conferred upon him in full ceremonial form and he was enrolled as an honorary member of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America thus becoming a Sovereign Grand Inspector General, 33° Honorary. Brother Moulton is the accredited representative of the Supreme Council, Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Venezuela, South America near the Supreme Council, A. A. S. R., N. M. J., U. S. A.

In the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders Brother Moulton has also attained to the highest distinction. He was created a Knight of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders in the Grand Imperial Council of the State of Illinois, October 25th, 1875. He served as Most Puissant Sovereign in St. John's Conclave (Premier) No. 1, Knights of Red Cross of Constantine in 1894 and subsequently in the Grand Imperial Council Western Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America as Most Illustrious Grand Sovereign from October 1899 to June 1900, having previously occupied all the subordinate stations.

Owing to the fact that the Supreme Grand Chapter, Grand Cross of Constantine, is the most exalted body of the Red Cross of Constantine and reserves to itself the exclusive right to confer the Grand Cross and this right being disputed by the Imperial Council of the Red Cross of Constantine for the Empire of the West, Brother Moulton severed his connection with St. John's Conclave in Chicago and the Imperial Council, Empire of the West, and became an active member of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Grand Cross of Constantine. He received the Order of Grand Cross in 1899 and was elected Grand Viceroy (next in office to that of Grand Sovereign) in the Supreme Grand Chapter at the last annual convention of this latter body held in Philadelphia, Pa., on September 16th, 1919.

Brother Moulton is an active member of Medinah Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of Chicago, Illinois.

For many years Brother Moulton has been an active worker in the Provincial Grand Lodge, R. S. Y. C. S. and Provincial Grand Chapter H. R. M. of the United States of America of the Royal Order of Scotland, having been initiated on September 14th, 1891. The following year, 1892, He was appointed by the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Josiah Hayden Drummond, as one of the five Provincial Grand Stewards and served as such until his appointment on July 1st, 1894 as Provincial Junior Grand Warden. Shortly thereafter on October 12th, 1894, he was appointed Provincial Senior Grand Warden and reappointed to this position each succeeding year and served as such until October 10th, 1917, when Provincial Grand Master, Sir Leon Martin Abbott, appointed him Deputy Provincial Grand Master. Owing to the latter's inability to attend the 40th annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge and Chapter held at Washington, D. C. on October 15th, 1917, Brother Moulton presided. At this meeting the resignation of Brother Abbott was received and regretfully accepted and it was unanimously voted to request the Mother Grand Lodge at Edinburgh to commission Sir George Mayhew Moulton as Provincial Grand Master vice Sir Leon Martin Abbott resigned.

This request was acted upon favorably and on March 27th, 1918, Brother Moulton was appointed Provincial Grand Master of the Provincial Grand Lodge R. S. Y. C. S. and Provincial Grand Chapter H. R. M. of the United States of America of the Royal Order of Scotland at Edinburgh. On September 16th, 1918 Sir George Mayhew Moulton presided as Provincial Grand Master at this, the 41st, annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the United States held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, Massachusetts.

At the Forty-Second Annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the United States of the Royal Order of Scotland held at Washington, D. C. on October 22nd, 1919, Brother Moulton again presided as Provincial Grand Master and at this meeting tendered his resignation as such official to become effective upon the appointment of his successor, when he will become a Past Provincial Grand Master of the Order.

In 1911 a movement was instituted to establish a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland in the Philippine Islands but this was objected to by the then officials of the Provincial Grand Lodge for the United States on the grounds that the Philippine Islands were territorial possessions of the United States so that the charter was held in abeyance.

Owing to the broad-minded policy of Brother Moulton, a resolution was offered by him at this, the 1919 annual meeting, addressed to the parent Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland, approving the action of the latter body for the formation of a Provincial Grand Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland to be located at Manila in the Philippine Islands. This resolution was unanimously adopted and forwarded to the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh.

Brother Moulton had previously in 1906 been elected an Honorary Member of the Grand Lodge at Edinburgh, there being at present in the United States only six living members who have thus been honored.

With the exception of Brother Wm. Oscar Roome's continuous service as Provincial Grand Secretary since 1886, Brother Moulton has served this Provincial Grand Lodge as an officer longer than any other member, having held office continuously 29 of the 30 years during which he has been a member and has always been foremost in advocating anything that would serve for the advancement of this ancient and honorable order.

To the average man such an array of service and dignities would not seem possible of accomplishment in the limited span of activity allotted to the passing of a human life. But the subject of our sketch is no ordinary man and the splendid services rendered to the above organizations and Orders are even surpassed by that rendered in Chivalric Masonry, where our Brother after faithfully performing his years of pilgrimage and warfare, as a reward, was dubbed and created a Knight of our Valiant and Magnanimous Order of Knights Templar and arose as Sir George in St. Bernard Commandery No. 35, Knights Templar on September 1, 1875.

After a period of 29 years of splendid service he was unanimously elected and later installed as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America—the highest gift within the power of Masonic Knighthood to bestow.

Brother Moulton served his Commandery as Captain General in 1877, Generalissimo in 1878 and as Eminent Commander in 1883.

Two years later he entered the official line in the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois serving as Grand Sword Bearer in 1885, Grand Standard Bearer in 1886, Grand Captain General in 1887, Grand Generalissimo in 1888, Deputy Grand Commander in 1889 and as Right Eminent Grand Commander in 1890.

In 1889 as Deputy Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, he attended the 24th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America held at Washington, D. C. Here Sir Knight Charles Roome, as Most Eminent Grand Master, appointed him to serve on the Committee on Grievances and Appeals and so well did he discharge the duties in this capacity, recognizing his worth, the newly installed Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight John P. S. Gobin appointed Brother Moulton as Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A. to serve during this triennial period 1886-1889 and as such he entered the grand official line of the Grand Encampment. He was so installed with the other appointive officers on October 11, 1889.

As the Grand Encampment at that time did not number

among its properties a Grand Standard, Brother Moulton caused one to be made in conformity with the regulations of the Grand Encampment save that for convenience it was reduced proportionate to three-fifths of the regulation size (3 feet by 5 feet). He presented this beautiful Grand Standard to the Grand Encampment as a Christmas offering on December 25th, 1890.

At the 25th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A. held at Denver, Colorado from August 8th to 12th, 1892, Brother Moulton was present as the Very Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. and as a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois. Sir Knight John P. S. Gobin, the Most Eminent Grand Master, appointed a committee to express the appreciation of the Grand Encampment, upon the gift of the Grand Standard, to Very Eminent Sir George Mayhew Moulton, Grand Standard Bearer. At this Triennial Conclave, Brother Moulton presented a resolution, which was adopted, to the effect that the Committee on Ritual be requested to indicate by a supplementary report which portions of the Ritual of the several Orders of Red Cross, Knights Templar and Malta may with propriety, be exemplified in the presence of more than one candidate and which portions must necessarily be restricted to the presence of one candidate only. Sir Knight Hugh McCurdy was elected Most Eminent Grand Master and Brother Moulton elected Very Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A. on August 11th, 1892 and duly installed into office together with the other elective and appointive officers on August 12th, 1892 for the following triennial period.

At the 26th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar, U. S. A. held at Boston, Mass. from August 27th to 30th, 1895, Brother Moulton was present as the Very Eminent Grand Senior Warden.

At the triennial election held on August 29th, 1895, at which Sir Knight Warren La Rue Thomas was elected Most Eminent Grand Master, Brother Moulton was advanced to the office of Very Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar U. S. A. and was duly installed into office on the following day, August 30th, 1895.

At the 27th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Pittsburgh, Pa. from October 11th to 14th, 1898, Brother Moulton as Very Eminent Grand Captain General was in charge of the parade held on October 11th, 1898, in which over 12,000 Sir Knights were in line, accompanied by 73 bands of music, 5 drum corps and required 3 hours and 40 minutes to pass a given point.

Sir Knight Warren La Rue Thomas as Most Eminent Grand

Master by General Order No. 1, dated November 28th, 1895, had commissioned Brother Moulton as his representative with assignment to the Seventh District, comprising the Grand Commanderies of Iowa, Missouri and Ohio, to visit these Grand Bodies during this triennial period. Brother Moulton rendered his verbal report upon these visitations to the effect that he had very little duty to perform, if any, other than pleasant and social visits during the past three years.

On October 13th, 1898, Sir Knight Reuben Hedley Lloyd was elected Most Eminent Grand Master and Brother Moulton as Very Eminent Grand Generalissimo to serve for the following triennial period and they together with the other elective and appointive officers were installed the following day, October 14th, 1898.

Brother Moulton at the conclusion of this Triennial Conclave, introduced a resolution, which was unanimously adopted, to the effect that the hearty thanks of the Grand Encampment be tendered to the Grand Commandery of Pennsylvania and its subordinates, especially to the whole-souled generous-hearted Fraters of Pittsburgh.

At the 28th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Louisville, Kentucky, August 27th to 29th, 1901, Brother Moulton was present as Very Eminent Grand Generalissimo of the Grand Encampment. Having been commissioned by General Order No. 1, dated December 31st, 1898 by the Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Reuben Hedley Lloyd, as the latter's representative for the Ninth District, comprising the Grand Commanderies of Iowa, Missouri and Ohio, Brother Moulton at this Triennial Conclave reported having visited each of these Grand Commanderies and also the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois, (excepting that in 1898 owing to military service in the Spanish-American War he was unable to attend the annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of the State of Illinois.)

On August 29th, 1901, Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard was elected Most Eminent Grand Master and Brother Moulton as Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master for the following triennial period. The installation occurring later in that same day.

At the 29th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at San Francisco, California, September 6th to 8th, 1904, Brother Moulton was present as Deputy Grand Master and rendered a verbal report as such to the effect that no official duty had been assigned to him excepting as representative of the Seventh District, nor had conditions of Templar affairs necessitated official action. Having been commissioned by General Order No. 1, dated December 31st, 1901, by Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard Most Eminent Grand Master, as the latter's official representative for District Number Seven, comprising the Grand Commanderies of Iowa, Missouri and Ohio, Brother Moulton

on May 11th, 1904 rendered his official report as such to the effect that universal harmony, zealous work and consequent prosperity prevailed in the Grand Jurisdictions of Ohio, Missouri and Iowa.

On September 8th, 1904, after 15 years of faithful and efficient service in the Grand Encampment, Brother Moulton reached the zenith of his preeminence in Chivalric Masonry by being unanimously elected to preside over the destinies of this great Templar host as their twentieth Grand Master and for the following triennial period of 1904 to 1907.

In accepting the honor of his election, Brother Moulton said: "Most Eminent Grand Master and Sir Knights, this renewed expression of your confidence, and as I have good reason to believe, of your personal regards, affects me most deeply, and I am frank to say it is exceedingly welcome. The unanimity which marks the expression of your choice is especially grateful to me and assures me of that loyal support in the administration of that exalted office which is so much desired. Since it is your desire I accept this high office at your hands and will be prepared, Most Eminent Sir, to enter upon the execution of the trust and the discharge of the duties which it involves to the utmost of my ability."

At the opening of the afternoon session of the Grand Encampment, Brother Moulton presided as Acting Grand Master and Henry James, the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, G. C. T. M. E. and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and Dependencies of the British Crown (then in attendance at this Triennial Conclave) was unanimously elected an Honorary Member of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America. The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard, the Grand Master elect, Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton, Past Grand Master Sir Knight Reuben Hedley Lloyd and Past Grand Commander Sir Knight John Corson Smith of the Grand Commandery of Illinois were appointed as a committee to notify the Earl of Euston of his election and the latter in accepting the honor responded in a most felicitous manner. This distinction had many years previously been accorded Sir Knight Wm. Stuart, M. E. and Supreme Grand Master of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in England who on September 22nd, 1871 at the eighteenth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Baltimore, Md. from September 19th to 23rd, 1871 was made an Honorary Member of this Grand Encampment with the rank and title of Past Grand Master.

Later on this same afternoon, September 8th, 1904, Brother Moulton was duly installed as Grand Master and immediately announced the appointment of his Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, Grand Warder and Grand Captain of the Guard for the following triennial period. A very happy incident at this point

was the presentation to Sir Knight George Mayhew Moulton as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Sword of Past Grand Master Vincent Lombard Hurlbut, deceased, by Past Grand Commander John Corson Smith of the Grand Commandery of Illinois, the latter referring to Brother Moulton, having drawn his sword in the defense of his country during the late Spanish-American War.

In accepting, Brother Moulton stated he would endeavor to wear the sword at all times with honor to himself and credit to the Order.

Following this, as Grand Master, Brother Moulton appointed a Committee on Testimonial to Sir Knight Henry Bates Stoddard, the retiring Most Eminent Grand Master, a Triennial Conclave Committee of five members to have charge of the preparations for the 1907 Triennial Conclave, and the regular Committees on Jurisprudence, Finance, Christmas Observance and Foreign Relations. After prayer by the Very Eminent Grand Prelate, Grand Master Moulton adjourned the Grand Encampment to meet on the Second Tuesday in July A. D. 1907 at Saratoga Springs, in the Grand Jurisdiction of the State of New York.

On October 15th, 1904, as Grand Master, Brother Moulton issued General Order No. 1, dividing the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment into 17 districts and assigning a personal representative to each, eliminating the Grand Prelate, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recorder from this duty, believing their official duties to be inconsistent with the line of service indicated. On November 13th, 1904 he issued to Sir Knight Warren La Rue Thomas as Most Eminent Past Grand Master his proxy empowering him to install into the office of Grand Prelate of the Grand Encampment Sir Knight John M. Worrall, D. D. of Danville, Kentucky.

Upon the resignation of Sir Knight Hy Robertson as Representative of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. near the Great Priory of Canada, Brother Moulton appointed Sir Knight Wm. Gibson M. E. and S. Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada as such and upon the latter's acceptance issued and forwarded his commission, which act was duly approved by the Grand Encampment.

Following the election of Sir Knight Henry James the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston M. E. and S. Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown to Honorary Membership in the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. at the 29th Triennial Conclave, Brother Moulton caused an appropriate certificate of Honorary Membership to be handsomely engrossed and forwarded to the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston.

At the end of the first year of his administration as Grand Master, Brother Moulton instituted the practice of issuing annual circulars giving full information of Templar matters occurring each

year so that at the time of the Triennial Conclave, wise and deliberate legislation might be considered carefully. This practice was continued the following year and at the 30th Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Saratoga Springs, New York, July 9th, 10th and 11th, 1907, these two reports and the events of the preceding year were incorporated in his triennial report as Grand Master.

At the triennial parade on July 9th, 1907, he appeared in the same as Grand Master occupying a carriage in company with the Right Honorable, the Earl of Euston M. E. and Supreme Grand Master of the United Orders of the Temple and Hospital in England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown and Honorary Member of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. At this parade for the first time a Medical Department was recognized and organized as an integral and essential part of the parade and the following appears under Parade Orders No. 1—"XII. The Medical Department: The Sir Knights of this Department will be mounted and attached to the staff of the Commander of the Parade. Sir Knight G. Alfred Lawrence will be in command. He will have entire charge of the Medical Department during the Conclave. During the parade he will remain on the personal staff of the Commander of the Parade. He will detail two Sir Knights of his Department to each Grand Division. He will organize an Ambulance Corps and place an ambulance in rear of Divisions with a proper officer in charge. The Medical Staff will wear a brizard (a red cross) on the left arm during the Conclave week and all Sir Knights may consider themselves at liberty to consult any member, all of whom offer their services to visiting Sir Knights and their families free of charge."

Carrying out the above orders, the Chairman of the Medical Department secured some 200 physicians of Commanderies from all parts of the United States as members of his staff. Headquarters were established at Triennial Headquarters and branches at all the hotels and important points of assemblage and physicians and nurses were on duty at all such points continuously night and day. Pullman Park, where all special trains were assembled, was inspected twice daily. First Aid to Injured Stations were established at various points where necessary aid could be rendered immediately upon call. The facilities of two hospitals and all necessary ambulances were placed at the entire service of the Grand Encampment. Pure spring water was supplied in abundance to the marching Sir Knights during the progress of the parade. During the entire week of the Conclave, various cases of acute illness and several severe cases of accident and sudden emergency calls were treated promptly, skillfully and successfully without the loss of a single life. Notices were posted at many points so that a response could be immediate. This was without question one of the most complete and efficient Medical Departments ever organized for such a purpose

and Brother Moulton deserves great credit in having its functions carried out so successfully.

Brother Moulton noted in his triennial address as Grand Master that several of the Grand Commanderies had established a system of inspection of their subordinate Commanderies by assigning a certain number of the latter to each of their Grand Officers and recommended this practice to all Grand Commanderies and furthermore that rituals be supplied to such Inspection Officers by the Grand Recorder and requested formal approval of such by the Grand Encampment.

He stated he had issued a dispensation for Malta Commandery U. D. at Park City, Utah, and the same was instituted June 26th, 1905. Also a dispensation for Mexico City Commandery, U. D. at the City of Mexico on August 21st, 1905 and upon his recommendation charters were issued to both of these bodies by the Grand Encampment at this 30th Triennial Conclave. He issued a special dispensation to De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Nevada to change its station from Virginia City to Reno, Nevada on June 1st, 1905, the change to become effective on September 1st, 1905. Also a special dispensation on June 3rd, 1905 to Utah Commandery No. 1 and El Monte Commandery No. 2 of Utah to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Utah for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Ogden, Utah on June 11th, 1905. On June 6th, 1905 a second special dispensation was issued to De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Nevada to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, A. F. and A. M. of Nevada for the ceremonies of laying the cornerstone of the Public School Building at Sparks, Nevada on June 29th, 1905. On August 17th, 1905 a third special dispensation was issued to the same Commandery for like services at Carson City, Nevada.

A charter to the Grand Commandery of Idaho was prepared, executed and forwarded and this Grand Commandery duly constituted on August 31st, 1904.

Also a duplicate charter was issued to the Grand Commandery of New Jersey.

Brother Moulton appointed an Auditing Committee to audit the accounts of the Knights Templar Emergency Fund amounting to over \$16,000, contributed for the relief of the victims of the Galveston flood—this fund having been established by the Grand Encampment at its 28th Triennial Conclave, held at Louisville, Ky., August 27th to 29th, 1901. This audit revealed that over \$13,000 had been expended in this humanitarian work and the unexpended balance \$3,440.35, including accrued interest, was placed to the further credit of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar Emergency Fund.

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The sentiments on Christmas Observance during Brother Moulton's first year as Grand Master are worthy of repetition. The Committee on December 25th, 1904 formulated in behalf of the Templar hosts the following sentiment: "May the Prince of Peace reign in all our hearts and his love unite all nations" to which Grand Master Moulton responded: "All hail the day when love divine shall enoble and dominate every heart, each for others and all for God."

Arrangements for holding the 30th Triennial Conclave were formulated and suitable reservations were made for the official headquarters of the Grand Encampment. The above embody the important events of the first year of Brother Moulton's Mastership as contained in Circular No. 1 under date of September 9th, 1905.

Early in the second year of his triennial period, on September 19th, 1905, Brother Moulton attended the initial meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Indianapolis, Indiana. This Board of Trustees of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. had been previously incorporated by Act of Congress, approved February 4th, 1905 as a body politic and corporate in the District of Columbia, having Washington, D. C. as the official home of the Board, as the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. in its constitution provides that the Grand Encampment should meet there in the absence of any affirmative action defining some other place of meeting. The above Bill was introduced and passed in the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate and signed by the President of the United States of America. At this meeting the above articles of incorporation were formally accepted, a code of by-laws adopted and officers elected, Brother Moulton being elected President, and the \$30,000 voted at the 29th Triennial Conclave from the funds of the Grand Encampment to be set aside as a permanent fund, was formally accepted and the same duly transferred on October 1st, 1905 and deposited in eleven Connecticut Savings Banks by the Treasurer of the Board, Sir Knight H. Wales Lines, who was also Very Eminent Treasurer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. at this time.

Agreeable to the sentiment of the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland that an exchange of representatives be made between that august body and the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A., Brother Moulton recommended to the aforesaid Chapter General the name of Sir Knight Samuel Crocker Lawrence Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island as such representative. This recommendation was acted upon favorably and upon the recommendation of the Chapter General. Brother Moulton issued a commission to Sir Knight James Todd Stewart, G. C. T. as the Representative of our Grand Encampment

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near the Chapter General of Scotland, which act was formally approved by the Grand Encampment at the 30th Triennial Conclave.

On April 11th, 1906 the Pacific Coast earthquake and San Francisco fire occurred doing an immense amount of damage and causing great suffering. Brother Moulton immediately wired Sir Knight W. Frank Pierce, Very Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment residing at San Francisco, extending the sympathy of the Grand Encampment and offering financial relief and also telegraphed to each Grand Commandery and Commandery subordinate to the Grand Encampments soliciting funds for the relief of the victims of this disaster. Nearly \$50,000 was subscribed to this fund and distributed regardless of race, religion or affiliations.

On September 13th, 1905 a special dispensation was granted to De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Reno, Nevada, to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as an escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nevada for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Reno, Nevada, on September 16th, 1905. Also on November 28th, 1905 to Utah Commandery No. 1 of Ogden, Utah; El Monte Commandery No. 2 of Ogden, Utah and Malta Commandery U. D. of Park City, Utah, to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Utah for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the Masonic Temple in Salt Lake City on December 3rd, 1905.

On December 25th, 1905 the Committee on Christmas Observance of the Grand Encampment formulated the following sentiment in behalf of all Knights Templar of our obedience: "To our Most Eminent Grand Master George M. Moulton: A Merry Christmas, with health and prosperity to all the goodly fellowship of the Cross".

To this Grand Master Moulton responded: "To all the loyal and loving soldiers of Christ whosoever dispersed throughout the world, Peace be unto thee and that contentment which cometh from a firm and unfaltering reliance upon Our Father who art in heaven".

On February 28th, 1906 Brother Moulton attended an official reception extended to him as Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. by Pittsburgh Commandery No. 1 of Pittsburgh, Pa.

On March 19th, 1906 through official channels, a special dispensation was granted to Apollo Commandery No. 15 of Troy, New York to appear in public fully armed and equipped in the State of South Carolina for the purpose of a fraternal visit to South Carolina Commandery No. 1 and on the same date to South Carolina Commandery No. 1 of Charleston, South Carolina to appear in public fully armed and equipped for the purpose of officially receiving the visit of Apollo Commandery No. 15 of Troy, N. Y.



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On Easter Sunday, April 15, 1906, Brother Moulton attended in his official capacity the Easter Day Services of his home Commandery, St. Bernard No. 35 of Chicago.

In June 1906 in his official capacity as Grand Master, Brother Moulton attended the 50th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Michigan at Detroit and in the following month the Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Iowa at Spirit Lake, Iowa. Upon this latter occasion he was elected an Honorary Member of the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

On July 31st, 1906 a special dispensation was issued to De Witt Clinton Commandery No. 1 of Reno, Nevada to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Nevada for the ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the City Hall in Reno, Nevada.

Upon request and for sufficient reasons a duplicate charter was issued to the Grand Commandery of Florida, which act was formally approved at this 30th Triennial Conclave.

The above events and acts were embodied in Circular No. 2 dated September 6th, 1906, as constituting the principle occurrences in the second year of Brother Moulton's triennial period as Grand Master.

On September 26th and 27th, 1906, Brother Moulton in his official capacity as Grand Master attended the 64th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Ohio held in the City of Toledo and the following month on October 23rd, 1906, he attended the semi-centennial anniversary of the Grand Commandery of Illinois held in Chicago.

On December 25th, 1906 the Committee on Christmas Observance prepared the following sentiment in behalf of the Templar host of our jurisdiction: "To our Most Eminent Grand Master, George M. Moulton: A Merry Christmas and may he always remember the love and friendship of his fellow soldiers of the Cross." To this the Grand Master responded as follows: "To the 165,000 Sir Knights of our jurisdiction on Christmas Day, the most memorable of all days in the Christian's Calendar this sentiment is dedicated—Man should ever seek his earthly reward for deeds done in the approval of his conscience, which is the voice of God and next, to gain the esteem of his fellow-man, which when worthily done, is a priceless treasure".

On November 20th, 1906 Brother Moulton issued a dispensation to Greenwood Commandery U. D. at Greenwood, South Carolina and the same was instituted on January 17th, 1907 and on the same date he also issued a dispensation to Newberry Commandery, U. D. at Newberry, South Carolina and this latter was instituted on March 17th, 1907. On March 20th, 1907 a third dispensation was issued to Chester Commandery U. D. at Chester, South Carolina and the same was instituted April 12th, 1907. On March 15th, 1907

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Brother Moulton issued a warrant authorizing the formation of a Grand Commandery in the State of South Carolina.

At Columbia, S. C. on March 25th, 1907, Brother Moulton was present in his official capacity as Grand Master accompanied by Sir Knight Joseph K. Orr, Very Eminent Grand Sword Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. and duly instituted this Grand Commandery. This act was ratified by the Grand Encampment at the 30th Triennial Conclave and the latter furthermore directed that all papers in reference to the institution of the three subordinate Commanderies above mentioned together with the fees be transmitted by the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment to the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

A report from Mexico City Commandery U. D. stated that they had instituted a movement by which it and other Masonic organizations in the City of Mexico had erected a Masonic Temple in that City valued at \$240,000.

Following the death of Sir Knight Frank H. Thomas, Very Eminent Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. on April 13th, 1907, Brother Moulton issued an obituary circular to the Order at large.

On April 14th, 1907 Brother Moulton granted a special dispensation to Utah Commandery No. 1 of Salt Lake City, Utah, to appear in public fully armed and equipped to act as escort to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Utah upon the occasion of laying the cornerstone of the Episcopal Church in the City of Provo, Utah.

For the third time as Grand Master, Brother Moulton attended the 1907 Easter Day Services of his own Commandery, St. Bernard No. 35 of Chicago, Illinois.

On May 8th, 1907 in his official capacity as Grand Master, he attended the annual convocation of the Grand Commandery of Georgia held at Atlanta, Ga. upon which occasion the cornerstone of the magnificent Masonic Temple was laid and Sir Knight Wm. H. Norris, Very Eminent Grand Standard Bearer of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. delivered the oration.

Upon the death of Sir Knight Frederick Speed, Right Eminent Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Mississippi, Brother Moulton appointed Sir Knight Joseph W. Fellows Right Eminent Past Grand Commander, as a member of the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence to fill out the unexpired term and furthermore in this triennial report recommended the revision and classification of the existing Code of Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Encampment to be submitted by the Committee on Templar Jurisprudence at the 31st Triennial Conclave and this recommendation was formally adopted by the Grand Encampment at this 30th Triennial Conclave.

A very important appointment was that of Sir Knight W.



Frank Pierce, Very Eminent Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. as the duly accredited representative of this Grand Encampment to attend the meeting of the Temple Conference, held in London, England, on May 30th, 1907 at which official representatives of all the supreme governing bodies of the Order of the Temple throughout the world were represented.

The above embodied the principal acts and events recorded in Brother Moulton's Triennial Report as Grand Master and read at the opening session of the 30th Triennial Conclave on July 9th, 1907 after the opening of the Grand Encampment in proper form.

A very happy event of this session was the formal reception and introduction of the Right Honorable the Earl of Euston, G. C. T. Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of England and Wales and their Dependencies of the British Crown and the only living Honorary Member of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. and Sir Knight John B. Tredder, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada together with their respective suites—to which they respectively responded to their very cordial reception in a most felicitous manner.

After appointing the Committee on Credentials, the reports of the other Grand Officers and of the Representatives to the various Grand Commanderies were received and the members of the various Standing Committees were announced—namely on Doings of Grand Officers, Finance and Auditing, Charters and Dispensations, Unfinished Business, Grievances, Templar Jurisprudence, Foreign Relations, Time and Place of next Conclave and on Necrology.

At the morning session of the Grand Encampment the following day, July 10th, 1907, Grand Master Moulton stated they had with them a distinguished Mason who had been highly honored in the Scottish Rite and introduced and welcomed Illustrious Brother William Homan, 33° Active, Illustrious Deputy of the State of New York of the Supreme Council Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, who responded in a very happy manner and called attention to the cordial fraternal relations existing between Chivalric and Scottish Rite Masonry.

On motion of Sir Knight Arthur Mac Arthur, Very Eminent Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment, which was approved, all Sir Knights in good standing were voted the privilege of the gallery during the remaining sessions of the Grand Encampment.

A special Committee on Ritual was appointed by Grand Master Moulton to present revisions and corrections of the same for the consideration of the Grand Encampment.

On July 11th, 1907, the constitutional time for the election of officers for the ensuing triennial period having arrived, Grand

Master Moulton appointed the necessary tellers and upon counting the votes it was found that Sir Knight Henry Warren Rugg, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. had received the unanimous vote of the Grand Encampment to be the next Grand Master and was informed of his election in a most happy manner by the Grand Master. Upon Sir Knight Rugg's acceptance, he was duly declared elected and upon the completion of the election of the remaining officers and the announcement of the appointive officers, as the last act of his eighteen years of continuous service as an officer of the Grand Encampment, Grand Master Moulton, assisted by Past Grand Master Warren La Rue Thomas as Grand Marshall duly installed the newly elected and appointive Grand Officers into their respective stations.

Following this a committee of three was appointed to secure a suitable testimonial to the retiring Grand Master, Sir Knight George M. Moulton, Most Eminent Past Grand Master. Subsequently Past Grand Master Moulton moved that a Triennial Conclave Committee of Arrangements consisting of five members be appointed to act in reference to the 31st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment, which was adopted.

When Brother Moulton assumed the appointive office of Grand Standard Bearer in 1886, the Grand Encampment was composed of 813 subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of 37 Grand Commanderies and of 22 subordinate Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment (in states where no Grand Commanderies had as yet been organized) and with a grand total of 78,918 Sir Knights enrolled and with an annual income of \$4,135.30 and net cash resources in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$17,829.21. When Brother Moulton laid down the emblem of authority as Grand Master on July 11th, 1907, the Grand Encampment was then composed of 1201 subordinate Commanderies under the jurisdiction of 46 Grand Commanderies and of eight subordinate Commanderies under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment and with a grand total of 172,149 Sir Knights enrolled and with an annual income of \$23,070.93 and net cash resources of \$79,129.13, the latter made up of \$43,514.42 in the General Fund, \$3,598.15 in the Emergency Fund and \$32,016.56 in the Permanent Fund.

Brother Moulton's system of annual reports and his recommendation for the revision and recodification of the Code of Statutes and Regulations were approved by the Committee on Doings of Grand Officers and this report was formally adopted by the Grand Encampment; the Committee on Foreign Relations approved of his recommendations that the Grand Encampment participate in the Concordat of all Bodies of Knights Templar throughout the world and presented a resolution which was adopted and is of such interest and importance that it is here given in full "Resolved: that insofar as

the provisions of the aforesaid Concordat apply to Masonic and Templar conditions of the United States of America and are consistent with the Constitution, Statutes and Regulations, this Grand Encampment adopts and agrees to maintain and support the same."

The Committee on Jurisprudence further reported on the above Concordat as follows: "That such is greatly to be desired and in order to harmonize all interests and differences, recommends that the Grand Master appoint a Committee of three Sir Knights to consult with any like commission appointed by any other Templar Body looking to an establishment of an agreement between all the Templar organizations of the world which shall have for its end and purpose the bringing into complete harmony and accord as touching the laws, customs and usages of the several bodies so far as may be done, thus providing and securing a complete union of all Templar bodies and thus uniting all of the members of the Orders of Christian Knighthood into a closer and more intimate relationship to each other to the honor and glory of the Great Head of the Order and to the advancement and benefit of the Order. Furthermore that this Commission be empowered to enter into an agreement or treaty with any other Templar body or bodies after having been certified by the Grand Master, approved and promulgated by him shall be recognized by and become binding upon all Templars and Templar bodies owing allegiance to this Grand Encampment until the next Triennial Conclave of this body, provided, however, that nothing in any such agreement shall contravene or abrogate any of the laws of the Grand Encampment. Furthermore it shall be the duty of said Commission to suggest such changes and alterations in our organic law and statutes as may best promote the object sought without detriment to our best interests and said Commission shall file their recommendations in the shape of amendments to the constitution and statutes at least four months before the next Triennial Conclave in order that they may be considered in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution. Furthermore that the Great Priory of England and Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown, the Chapter General of the Religious and Military Order of the Temple in Scotland, the Great Priory of Ireland and the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada be and are courteously and fraternally invited each of them to appoint such a Commission as is suggested in these resolutions for the consideration of the objects herein outlined and that the Grand Master be requested to have copies of these resolutions furnished to the several Grand Bodies conveying to them the sincere wishes of the Grand Encampment that they may receive their distinguished and favorable consideration." Brother Moulton deserves no little credit in encouraging this very important movement and bringing it to a successful conclusion.

The Committee on Ritual recommended that 5,000 copies of the Ritual comprising the Orders of the Temple, Red Cross and Malta in one volume be printed and distributed—(previously the

ritual of the Order of Malta having been in a separate volume from that of the Orders of the Temple and of the Red Cross). This was finally adopted by the Grand Encampment.

Thus it will be seen that during Brother Moulton's period as an officer in the Grand Encampment, there was a marked and healthy growth in numbers and an increase in financial resources of this great Templar body, also that progressive and important legislation of great value to Templarism, not only in this great jurisdiction but throughout the world, was wisely enacted.

By those not knowing Brother Moulton it might be thought that such distinguished service and unremitting activity for so many years would result in his retirement to well merited rest.

But not so and we see him present and taking an active part in all succeeding Triennial Conclaves of the Grand Encampment.

At the 31st Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. held at Chicago, Illinois, August 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1910, Brother Moulton was present throughout the proceedings as one of the Past Grand Masters and acted as one of the escort to conduct the Right Honorable Earl of Euston, Past Grand Master of the Great Priory of the United Military and Religious Orders of the Temple and of St. John of Jerusalem, Palestine, Rhodes and Malta in England, Wales and the Dependencies of the British Crown and Honorary Member of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America together with his official staff and the Hon. Luther B. Archibald, Most Eminent and Supreme Grand Master of the Sovereign Great Priory of Canada and his official staff into the asylum of the Grand Encampment.

Brother Moulton moved the adoption of the Constitution as amended which was carried; also that consideration of a proposed burial service for Knights Templar, varying from that at present in use, be deferred until the next Triennial Conclave, which was adopted.

The Concordat presented during Brother Moulton's administration as Grand Master was duly adopted at this Conclave, thus cementing into a Knightly unity all Templar Bodies throughout the world.

Brother Moulton moved that a motion prohibiting all alcoholic beverages at Templar functions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence for report at the next session which was carried. He also moved that a committee of five be appointed to arrange for the comfort of the Grand Encampment at the 1913 Triennial Conclave which was adopted. The Most Eminent Grand Master, Sir Knight William Bromwell Melish appointed Brother Moulton a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations for the 1910-1913 Triennial period.

At the 32nd Triennial Conclave held at Denver, Colorado,

August 12th, 13th and 14th, 1903, Brother Moulton was also present throughout the sessions as one of the Past Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. and participated in rendering the report as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and as one of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund. He also rendered his report as the official representative of the Grand Master who by General Order No. 2, dated Nov. 1st, 1911, appointed him to visit the Grand Commandery of Minnesota and by General Order No. 4, dated Nov. 15th, 1912, re-appointed him as his official representative to visit the Grand Commandery of Michigan.

Brother Moulton moved that the per capita dues of Commanderies subordinate to the Grand Encampment be fifty cents instead of one dollar per capita. The same was referred to the Committee on Finance and upon their recommendation was adopted by the Grand Encampment. He also made a motion that a Special Committee consisting of five be appointed to report at the next Triennial Conclave with respect to unification as to form and application of official and honorary titles in the Order of Masonic Christian Knighthood to the end that uniformity and accuracy in official nomenclature be obtained. This was adopted and Brother Moulton was appointed Chairman of this Special Committee on Nomenclature.

He also presented an amendment to the Statutes to the effect that affiliation in Lodge, Chapter and *Council* are necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership in a Commandery and the same was laid over until the next Triennial Conclave.

Brother Moulton acted as Grand Marshal upon the installation of Sir Knight Arthur MacArthur as Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. together with the other elective and appointive officers for the Triennial period 1913-1916, on August 14th, 1913 and was reappointed a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations. He moved that a Committee of five be appointed to prepare for the comfort and welfare of the members of the Grand Encampment at the 33rd Triennial Conclave in 1916, which was adopted, and he was appointed chairman of the same.

The Thirty-third Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. was held at Los Angeles, California, on June 20th, 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, 1916 and as Chairman of the 1916 Triennial Conclave Committee, Brother Moulton provided a special official Grand Encampment train to bring members of the Grand Encampment by a very interesting scenic route via the Grand Canyon of the Colorado, to Los Angeles from Chicago and return by the Canadian Pacific Railroad to Chicago again after the Conclave was concluded.

He also obtained suitable accommodations at one of the leading hotels in Los Angeles as Triennial Headquarters and it is

needless to say that he looked after the comfort of the Sir Knights and their ladies in every detail.

Brother Moulton presented various amendments to the Constitution to be acted upon at this Triennial Conclave, including one requiring affiliation in the Lodge, Chapter and *Council* as necessary to qualify a petitioner for membership in the Commandery. This latter was deferred for final action until the Triennial Conclave of 1919.

Brother Moulton was present at this Triennial Conclave for the first time as the official representative of the Great Priory of Ireland near the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. having received this commission prior to the convening of this triennial conclave and from the Great Priory of Ireland. This was a well merited and fitting reward for his constructive work as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Upon the request of Acting Grand Master Lee Stewart Smith Brother Moulton introduced Sir Knight John McConnell, Very Eminent Grand Chancellor of the Great Priory of Ireland and the official representative of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. near the Great Priory of Ireland and also Sir Knight A. W. Chapman, Most Eminent Grand Master and his colleague, Sir Knight Charles H. Collins, Right Eminent Deputy Grand Master of the Sovereign Grand Priory of Canada.

Brother Moulton moved that all Sir Knights in good standing be permitted to attend the sessions of this Triennial Conclave, excepting during the hours of election, which was carried.

As Chairman of the Special Committee on Nomenclature, Brother Moulton presented his report which embodied a very exhaustive and scholarly exposition comprising over 130 pages of closely printed matter, discussing the proper designation of officers of Commanderies, Grand Commanderies and the Grand Encampment and the insignia of the same together with the effects of death or removal of officers from the jurisdiction, also the plural form of Knights Templar, concerning honorary and official titles, concerning the use of the title Sir or Sir Knight and also concerning the use of the word *Dimit* or *Demit*. The same was received and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Owing to the absence of Past Grand Commander Melish as Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, Brother Moulton as another member of the Committee presented the report and also moved the acceptance of a copy of the *original* printed Proceedings of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. for the year 1826, from Past Grand Master Melish and furthermore, that a vote of thanks be sent to the latter, which was unanimously carried. The Grand Recorder then announced that he now had in the archives of the Grand Encampment a complete file of the original printed pro-

ceedings of the Grand Encampment from its formation in 1816 to date.

As a further evidence of Brother Moulton's excellent work, after having installed Sir Knight Lee Stewart Smith, as Most Eminent Grand Master and the other elective and appointive officers in their respective stations on June 22nd, 1916, the latter reappointed Brother Moulton as a member of the standing Committee on Foreign Relations.

After the death of Grand Master Arthur MacArthur December 27th, 1914, Brother Moulton was elected President pro tem. of the Trustees of the Permanent Fund and later as president of the same, submitting the report of this important body as such official at this 33rd Triennial Conclave. Under General Order No. 1 dated November 13th, 1913, Grand Master Arthur MacArthur had appointed Brother Moulton as his official representative to visit the Grand Commandery of Iowa.

At the aforesaid Triennial election held on June 22nd, 1916, Brother Moulton was elected a Trustee of the Grand Encampment for the period 1916-1925.

The Thirty-fourth Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar U. S. A. was held at Philadelphia, Pa., September 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1919, and Brother Moulton was present as a Past Grand Master and took an active part in the discussion of the various subject matters incorporated in his 130-page report submitted as Chairman of the Special Committee on Nomenclature at the previous Triennial Conclave upon which final action was taken at this the Thirty-fourth Triennial Conclave—the purpose of which recommendations being to eliminate all semblance of aristocracy from the Orders of Christian Knighthood. These changes in the Constitution of the Order were as follows:—(1) The honorary title shall be used in addressing or referring to an officer, and when so used shall immediately precede the official title. The official title only shall be used by an officer when necessary to designate his rank or official station. (2) The honorary title of all other officers and individual members of the Order is Sir Knight. (3) The title of each and every Knight Templar when addressed or referred to by either or both of his Christian or surnames is Sir Knight, without any prefix thereto:—and Sir Knights is the title to be applied collectively to any assemblage of Knights Templar. (4) Knights Templars as individuals in this country are now no longer to be designated in classes of eminence, as e.g.:—Most Eminent, Right Eminent, and Eminent, and leaving the great majority with no eminence whatsoever. Each and every Knight Templar from the Grand Master to the latest created Knight is entitled to be addressed as Sir Knight. Official grades or stations only are eminent, increasing in eminence from Eminent Commander to Most Eminent Grand Master.

Brother Moulton's proposed amendment to the Constitution,

requiring membership in a Council of Royal and Select Masters as pre-requisite to membership in a Commandery of Knights Templar was not acted upon favorably by the Grand Encampment.

Brother Moulton continued as a member of the Committee on Foreign Relations and as a Trustee—his term of office in the latter capacity not terminating until 1925.

In addition to the many Templar honors already enumerated Brother Moulton has been elected an honorary member of Columbia Commandery No. 63 Knights Templar at Chicago, Illinois, Lafayette Commandery No. 7, Knights Templar at Hudson, N. Y., Far East Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar at Manila, Philippine Islands, Mexico City Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar at Mexico City, Mexico, has served as the accredited Representative of the Grand Commandery Knights Templar of California near the Grand Commandery of Illinois, and was elected a Knight Commander of the United Orders (Honoris Causa) of the Great Priory of England.

Such a brilliant record of continuous productive Masonic activity is indicative of what can be accomplished in the various apartments of our Temple by an upright zealous Brother with the word "SERVICE" emblazoned upon his escutcheon and in this year of our Lord 1919 and in his sixty-ninth year of humanitarian activity we wish our valiant and magnanimous Knight many more years of devoted service in the cause so near to his heart and which he so dearly loves.

Of Brother Moulton we can truly say with the poet:

"A Mason true and good,  
Sincere in friendship, ready in relief,  
Discreet in trusts, faithful in Brotherhood,  
Gentle in sympathy, and kind in grief."

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